

FRENCH VILLAGE INTERESTS LOCAL MAN IN SERVICE

McDevitt Writes From Winter Quarters Somewhere in France

BILLETS COMFORTABLE BUT SUGAR IS SCARCE

Candy And Fruit Would Prove Highly Acceptable To The 'Boys'

Another very interesting letter from "Somewhere in France" has been received by his parents in Miller township from Harold H. McDevitt, a graduate of Mt. Vernon high school. It is as follows:

My dear Parents:

Writing under such circumstances as I have been lately is so new and surrounded by such difficulties, when one goes to express himself, that I am at sea again. I wonder if you will receive any of the mail which I have sent. I know you cannot have gotten it by this time, but it must surely reach you within a few days, if it passed all right. We have spent so much time in travel and in getting settled since we landed that we have had neither time, place nor material to write.

We spent a few days in a rest camp and then started for our winter quarters. We had a pretty tiresome journey but felt rewarded when we arrived and were assigned to quarters which are very comfortable considering the circumstances. We are in a little country village whose sole inhabitants are French peasants. They are very interesting in a way but most simple in their habits.

We are "billeted" as they call it, in an abandoned dwelling house, have a stove and will be able to keep warm. We must use the utmost care in collecting wood, for fuel is scarce in this country and nothing must be wasted. The things we miss most in our army rations are fruit and chocolate, but the latter is frightfully dear. Anything to eat costs about five pieces. I am afraid great inroads will be made in my magnificent salary. We get crazy for something besides the coarsest foods.

I am staying with five mighty fine fellows. All are Delaware men and we really succeed, I believe, in making life very pleasant for one another. When we get anything good we divide up and a spirit of excellent friendship prevails. It's wonderful to be with a bunch of good scouts whom you know.

It's a long way from Mt. Vernon to this little hamlet but if it would be practical to send anything at all it would be either fruit-cake or chocolate—preferably Hershey's or home-made candy. I merely mention this because I have heard that the government will pay the postage from New York city if the sender will pay it that far.

Any of the above articles would taste mighty good. The postmaster of any first class office could undoubtedly give you the particulars. I mention it as the other fellows are doing the same.

Say, but I am feeling fine physically tonight and I don't just dare allow myself to get homesick. We are all here in the same boat and it's so different that it would be if a fellow were out alone. I haven't another scrap of paper now and must close as the hour for soldiers to retire has arrived. Remember letters are much prized and I would be glad to hear from anyone.

Address: Private H. H. McDevitt, 166th U. S. Infantry, Hospital Corps, A. E. F., via New York City.

Chamberlain's Tablets

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

PATRIOTIC NUMBERS TO FEATURE CONCERT

Kenyon Glee Club Sings Here For Benefit Of Red Cross

Patriotic numbers will feature the concert here Friday evening, Dec. 14, at the high school auditorium of the Kenyon college glee club under the leadership of James P. DeWolfe.

The concert is to be given under the auspices of the Knox county chapter of Red Cross. The club will make an extensive trip through Ohio just after the holidays.

WAR TIMES

DEMAND ECONOMY AND ACTIVITY—START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THE BUCKEYE

1. And be ready for rainy days
2. Which may come.
3. Be up and doing in business
4. And face all difficulties.
5. With courage and determination.
6. Start a savings account with
7. The Buckeye State Building and Loan Co.
8. Rankin Building, 22 West Gay street, Columbus, Ohio. Five per cent paid on time deposits. Assets \$14,400,000.

COUNCIL BLAMED WITH INCREASING MUNICIPAL DEBT

Mayor Mitchell Says The City Dad's Work Is Drivel

REFUSES TO SIGN OR VETO LEGISLATION

Declares City's Indebtedness Nearly Doubled In Two Years

Following his announcement Wednesday that legislation passed by the city council during the remainder of his regime will neither receive his signature nor his veto, Mayor Mitchell announced in no uncertain terms late Wednesday his opinion of the proceedings of that body, characterizing its work during the last two years as "drivel" and charging it with running the city into debt.

The mayor said: "If correctly informed, by strict economy and many sleepless nights in working out the city's financial difficulties, we (I mean all of the city officials) in the last two years have succeeded in 'reducing' the city's obligations from about \$180,000 to \$270,000, probably due to the high cost of driving."

It has been an open secret that the mayor and city council have not been working in the closest harmony for some time, but active criticism from both sides has not been a part of the program until recently.

According to City Solicitor Koons, the mayor's refusal to either sign or veto legislation passed by the council will have no effect whatever upon the affairs of council as the bills will become effective without the mayor's signature by the council's treating them as if they had been vetoed and repassing them.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

E BATTERY BOYS TO GET 4-DAY HOLIDAY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

E Battery boys will get four days' leave of absence during the Christmas season. It is improbable that many, if any, of the boys can come home in that short period.



"Don't forget that you perform a patriotic duty when you buy Red Cross Christmas seals this year. Every sticker that is sent to the trenches and encampments will carry a message of assurance. It will also provide ammunition to help in the battle for democracy, because it will keep our fighters fit for service," says the appeal of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, which is directing the sale.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BLADENSBURG MASONS
W. M.—Timothy Morningstar.
S. W.—Grover Moss.
J. W.—Orin Fawcett.
Secy.—Emmett Hall.
Treasurer—King Lepley.
S. D.—Aaron Lepley.
J. D.—Frank Hall.
Tyler—Thomas J. Earlywine.
Trustee—Jackson Blount.
Steward—Cleveland Rine and Samuel Harris.

MT. VERNON LODGE, I. O. O. F.
Noble Grand—Frank Kraft.
Vice Grand—Walter Grubb.
Secretary—Stephen Rine.
Treasurer—George Clark.
Trustee (3 years)—John Donough.
Trustee (2 years)—F. A. Houck.
Member Relief Committee—George Clark.

COURT OF CALANTHE
Worthy Councillor—Bessie Simmons.
W. Instructress—Lou White.
W. Inspector—Bessie Newsome.
Sr. Director—Mary Ralls.
Jr. Director—Laura Blake.
W. Orator—Rosa Turner.
Conductress—Anna Turner.
Asst. Conductress—Mallinda Payne.
W. Escort—Mable Mayle.
W. Herald—Jennie May.
W. Protector—Bessie Pearl.
Register of Accounts—Fannie May.
Register of Deeds—Ella Newsome.
Recorder of Deposits—Viola Book.
Representative to the Grand Lodge—Ella Newsome.
Alternate—Fannie May.

DEMOCRACY K. K. E.
Past Chief—Boyd Kunkel.
Noble Chief—Albert Raymond.
Vice Chief—Burdette Fletcher.
Venerable Herald—A. H. Cunningham.
Sir Herald—G. W. Gardner.
Master of Records—T. R. Simmons.
Chief of Exchequer—Miles Burson.
Keeper of Exchequer—A. J. Kunkel.
Trustee—G. W. Gardner.

WAYNE CO., U. R. K. of P.
Captain—J. M. Wiggins.
First Lieut.—C. J. Lovell.
Second Lieut.—Philip Braumer.
K. of R. & S.—Alonso Taber.
Treasurer—Frank Parmenter.

COLORED K. of P.
Thompson Cooper Lodge, No. 7, K. of P., elected the following officers Tuesday evening:
C. C.—G. L. Simmons.
V. C.—William A. Simmons.
Prelate—S. J. Simmons.
Master of Arms—Gus Goin.
K. of R. & S.—C. A. Hamilton.
Master of Finance—C. A. Cuny.
Master of Exchequer—C. J. Turner.

Representative to Grand Lodge—George Newsome.
Alternate—C. A. Hamilton.

MOOSE CELEBRATE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF LOCAL LODGE

The sixth anniversary of the founding of Hiawatha lodge, No. 824, L. O. O. M., was celebrated Wednesday evening by about 300 members of the lodge and their wives. A special showing of films depicting the National Moose Home for aged members and members' orphans at Mooseheart, Ill., was given at the Lyric theatre after which the Home in West High street was thrown open to the party. Progressive euchre was played, prizes going to Harvey Fisher and Mrs. Glenn B. Carlisle. A luncheon was served.

G. B. MOTZ DIES OF BLOOD POISONING AT HOME NEAR JELLOWAY

The funeral of G. B. Motz, 62, who died Wednesday at his home in Jelloway, at the Sand Ridge church at 11 o'clock Friday. Mr. Motz died from blood poisoning. He leaves his wife and one daughter.

BANNER CLASSIFIED ADS. PAY

Snaps in Snappy Models of Coats and Suits

For Friday and Saturday December 7 and 8 We Shall Place on Sale Very Special Offerings in Coats and Suits

35 or 40 NEW WINTER COATS Formerly Priced \$12.50, \$13.50, \$16.50 to \$20.00 Choice at..... \$9.95

A RACK OF 35 COATS Plaid and Mixtures Sizes 14 to 46 Choice at..... \$2.98

ALL COATS Formerly Priced from \$30 to \$50 about ONE-THIRD OFF

30 FALL & WINTER SUITS Taupe, Navy, Black, Brown, Green, Burgundy Sizes 16 to 54 Choice at..... Half Price

THE J. S. RINGWALT COMPANY

GIVES COVIE ANOTHER SHOW

Big Left-Handed Pitcher Did Not Do Much for Tigers This Season, but Jennings Is Hopeful.

It is an open secret that Manager Jennings of the Detroit Americans doubts whether Harry Coveleskie will be able to pitch major league ball next season. Last year the big left-hander was a star; this year he was almost worthless. His arm was weak and his curve ball and confidence were con-



Harry Coveleskie.

spectuous by their absence. Coveleskie passed the thirty-year mark several seasons ago, although he is modest regarding his real age. But Jennings undoubtedly will take Cove south and give him another chance, as he realizes that a come-back is not an impossibility.

"THE REAL LADY" IS RETIRED

Winner of Kentucky Futurity and Holder of World's Record Will Never Race Again.

A. H. Cosden has announced that The Real Lady, 2:03, winner of the Kentucky futurity and holder of the world's record for three-year-old trotters, will never race again. She is said to be as sound as a bell, but she has trotted nine of the fastest races on record for fillies of her age in the last two campaigns, winning \$27,075, and her owner is now going to breed her to Peter Vale, 2:02, the only trotter that ever held the record for yearlings, two-year-olds, three-year-olds and four-year-olds.

Leslie Suits Cub Fans.
Chicago fans are not concerned about the first base assignment on the Cubs next season. They believe that Leslie is ready for the major leagues even if Barney Dreyfus of the Pirates should win his fight to obtain the services of Sauer.

Over the Telephone.
"I was never so insulted in my life." "Hub?" "Somebody asked me if I wanted a kiss by wire."

"Well?" "And when I spoke up he said he had the wrong number."

GETTING A BATH IN BOGOTA

Attempt Was Fraught With Much Difficulty and Considerable Profanity, According to Writer.

Ever since our arrival Hays and I had been threatening to patronize one of the two public bathhouses with a first-class bogotano reputation rumor had it existed in the capital, says Franck's Vagabonding Down the Andes. But in a land where the temperature rarely reaches 50 and the floors are tiled, it takes courage, and we had been studying ourselves and our duty to humanity by bravely splashing a basin of icy water over mainly furms each morning on rising. By dint of strong resolutions often repeated to be up at six and visit one of the cases de banos we did finally manage one morning to find ourselves wandering the streets by eight, with towel and soap under our arms, and stared at by all we met. We discovered La Violeta at last, next door to a blacksmith shop. The keeper we woke up told us we might have a cold bath, but that the sign on the front wall: "Hot baths at all hours," was to be taken with a bogotano meaning.

A few mornings later we did actually find the other establishment open. We entered a large patio, the most striking of several buildings, within which was a round, or, more exactly, an eight-sided house, and in time succeeded in arousing the place to the extent of bringing down upon us a youth hugely excited at the appearance of a crowd of two whole bathers all at one time.

The youth assured us there was plenty of hot water. I won the toss and was soon stripped. But the shower was colder than the ice fields bounding the pole. When I had caught my breath I bawled my repertoire of profane Spanish at the youth, who could be seen through a hole above pottering with some sort of an upright boiler and firebox, and now and then peering down upon me. Suddenly the water grew warm, hot, boiling, then, just when I had soaped myself from crown to toe in the steam, it turned as suddenly cold again, and an instant later stopped entirely. My eyes tight closed I shouted at the youth above.

"Es que el agua caliente se acabo," he drooped. "It is that the hotel water has finished itself."

There being no deadly weapon at hand I turned on a tap of ice-cold water and raced to the dressing room still half soaped. Hays, scantily clad, was gazing fiercely at the youth through a hole in the door.

"Then there isn't any more hot water?" he demanded.

"Not now, senior, but there will be soon."

"Good. How soon?" "Early tomorrow morning, senior."

"Why, you cross-eyed son of spigot," exploded the ordinarily even-tempered ex-corporal, "I came here and stripped to an undershirt that I might dance in my bare feet on this tile floor in honor of Jose Maria de la Santa Trinidad Simon Bolivar! Get up on that roof and fire up or . . ."

The youth was already feverishly stoking armfuls of wood under the upright boiler, and by the time I left for home Hays was shadow boxing to keep warm with a fair chance of getting a bath before the day was done.

NOT ALL NARROW

Skirts of Comfortable Width Seen Despite Season's Edict.

Women Learning to Express Individuality in Dress Instead of Blindly Following "The Style."

Women are learning more and more to express individuality in their dress and to select styles that are individually becoming rather than to seek and accept what is labeled as "the style."

Early this season fashion announcements stated that skirts were to be longer and narrower. This is true. Skirts that are longer and narrower than for several seasons are shown, and they have had the formal approval of fashion. But it also is true that very short skirts are worn, and that skirts of comfortable width are seen as often as are the tight, semihobble effects. All this means inspiration for style designers. If a uniform width or length is accepted



Skirt of Comfortable Width.

ed the designers have little encouragement to go ahead with new and different things, says the Washington Star.

The clever little afternoon frock here shown, which may be made of satin or velvet combined with either chiffon, georgette or net, corrects any belief that all skirts are to be extreme-

ly narrow. This has a comfortable width—two and a quarter to two and a half yards. The touch of fur gives a pretty finishing touch, and altogether it has an excellent model for dressy afternoon wear.

In this fabric combination an excellent suggestion for making over a last season dress is found.

Harry McCormick, Now An Officer in France

Harry McCormick, former Giant outfielder and pinch hitter, now an officer in the United States army, has arrived in France. He and Eddie Grant, also an ex-Giant, attended the Plattsburg camp. Bill O'Hara, who saw fighting in France with the Canadians, and McCormick and Grant all played with the Giants under McGraw. It is somewhat noteworthy that three former members of the same club were among the first players to show their willingness to fight the Huns.

WORLD'S SERIES "IRON MAN"

Deacon Phillippe Pitched Forty-Four Innings in Contest Between Pirates and Red Sox.

Despite the fact that he pitched in four games and won three decisions over the Giants, Urban (Red) Faber fell just 17 innings short of equaling the all-time "iron man" record for a world's series.

The Chicago pitcher saved from the "bushes" by McGraw to have him beat the Giants out of a world's title, pitched 27 innings in four combats. In the 1903 series between the Pirates and Red Sox, Deacon Phillippe of Pittsburgh twirled 44 innings in that series.

Faber will deserve the tribute that goes with winning three games in the series, and takes his place among a select few who have done this same thing. Only six other pitchers ever performed this feat. They are Bill Dineen of the Red Sox, who won three against Pittsburgh in 1903; Phillippe of Pittsburgh, who won three from Boston in the same series; Christy Mathewson, who took three from the Athletics, all shutouts, in 1905; Babe Adams of Pittsburgh, who captured three from Detroit in 1909; Jack Coombs, who won a trio of decisions over the Cubs in 1910, and Joe Wood of the Red Sox, who was victor in three over the Giants in 1912.

No other pitcher bore quite as heavy a burden as did Phillippe, back in 1903. Of the eight games played, Phillippe started and finished five—the first, third, fourth, seventh and eighth.

Good Work of Maisei.
George Maisei, a young brother of the Yankee third baseman, batted .306 in 144 games with the San Francisco club and has stolen 39 bases. Detroit sent Maisei to the coast and undoubtedly has an option on the player.

McGraw to Winter in Havana.
Manager McGraw of the Giants will spend a part of the winter in Havana.